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S. 1641

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

November 6, 2001

Mr. Sessions (for himself and Mr. Nickles) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE
- 4 GREATER USE OF ADVANCE PAYMENT OF
- 5 EARNED INCOME CREDIT.
- 6 Not later than January 1, 2002, the Secretary of the
- 7 Treasury by regulation shall require—

1 (1) each employer of an employee who the em2 ployer determines receives wages in an amount
3 which indicates that such employee would be eligible
4 for the earned income credit under section 32 of the
5 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide such em6 ployee with a simplified application for an earned in7 come eligibility certificate, and

- (2) require each employee wishing to receive the earned income tax credit to complete and return the application to the employer within 30 days of receipt.
- 12 Such regulations shall require an employer to provide such
- 13 an application within 30 days of the hiring date of an em-
- 14 ployee and at least annually thereafter. Such regulations
- 15 shall further provide that, upon receipt of a completed
- 16 form, an employer shall provide for the advance payment
- 17 of the earned income credit as provided under section
- 18 3507 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- 19 SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF ADVANCE PAYMENT OF EARNED IN-
- 20 COME CREDIT TO ALL ELIGIBLE TAXPAYERS.
- 21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3507(b) of the Internal
- 22 Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to earned income eligi-
- 23 bility certificate) is amended by striking paragraph (2)
- 24 and by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as para-
- 25 graphs (2) and (3), respectively.

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(b) (CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
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- 2 (1) Section 3507(c)(2)(B) of the Internal Rev-3 enue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting "has 1 4 or more qualifying children and" before "is not mar-5 ried,".
- 6 (2) Section 3507(c)(2)(C) of such Code is 7 amended by striking "the employee" and inserting 8 "an employee with 1 or more qualifying children".
- 9 (3) Section 3507(f) of such Code is amended by 10 striking "who have 1 or more qualifying children 11 and".
- 12 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by 13 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after 14 December 31, 2001.

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